Pay Scale of Area Manager/Senior Manager of Regional Rural Banks

748. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and NABARD have been preparing the pay scale of Area Manager/Senior Manager of Regional Rural Banks from the year 1983; and

(b) if so, by when the pay scale likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Regional Rural Banks have been allowed to create posts of Area/Senior Managers by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). These Managers have been allowed to draw a special pay of Rs. 75 per month pending finalisation of pay scales.

Insurane Companies

749. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Banks Association had expressed unhappiness at the uncompromising attitude of the insurance companies in its report published in 1982:

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no interaction between the insurance companies and the banks in the matter of security; and

(c) whether there is any possibility of making the insurance companies reduce the premium rates in accordance to the security arrangements in the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The insurance companies provide bankers indemnity insurance protection for security and avoidance of frauds in their operation after assessing all their requirements including security. The premium rates quoted to banks for their bankers indemnity insurance are decided by the Tariff Advisory Committee which is a statutory body under the Insurance Act, keeping all relevant aspects in view and while fixing such rates it assumes that reasonable security arrangements are made by banks. Tariff Advisory Committee at present has no proposal for reduction in these premium rates.

Loan for 100 per cent export oriented Industries

750. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that 100 per cent export-oriented industries which were issued with Green Cards and which obtained export orders from foreign countries have not been helped with timely term loan either by commercial banks or by Export-Import Bank;

(b) whether the Export-Import Bank has been instructed to finance term loan for 100 per cent export-oriented industries, Free Trade Zone projects with term loan finance for projects less than two crores and projects coming under small scale units; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the 100 per cent export-oriented industry for Indian Potented Rubber Stimulant projects has not given them loan and single window clearance for the past four years; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Export Import Bank of India has commenced financing of 100 per cent

export-oriented units only from January, 1985 EXIM Bank has a system to approve an application, containing a bankable proposal, within 90 days of its receipt. EXIM Bank has reported that there is no case where decisions on loan applications have been delayed beyond that period.

(b) EXIM Bank does consider loan applications from units in Free Trade Zones and units registered as 100 per cent export-oriented units for projects less than Rs. 2 crores. Such loans are given by commercial banks with refinancing being provided by EXIM Bank.

(c) Ministry of Commerce have informed that a unit by the name of M/s. Scientific Farm Consultancy Service Pvt. Ltd., Madras had been issued an approval letter for the manufacture and export of "rubber stimulant" under the Scheme of 100 per cent export-oriented units. The State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu, to whom the party submitted its application, agreed to grant loan to the party subject to the condition that the company furnished a test certificate for its products. The results of field trial of the products of this unit were, however, found to be negative. The EXIM Bank also made a detailed scrutiny of the proposal but did not find the proposal supportworthy. EXIM Bank has reported that no application for the manufacture of rubber stimulant is pending with it.

Import of Coins

751. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government imported coins worth Rupees 200 crores in 1984-85 from U K South Korea and Canada;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. 145 crores was paid for this and thus the import turned out to be costly affair for the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the internal production of coins to meet the ever increasing shortage of small coins?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A quantity of 2000 million pieces of coins of denominations of Re. 1. 50 paise and 25 paise has been imported during 1985 and 1986 from U.K., South Korea and Canada respectively. The total cost of import of these coins was about Rs. 64.96 crores and the face value of these coins is Rs. 143.75 crores.

(c) Production in the existing Mints at Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad is being stepped up through increase in number of working hours, introduction of incentive scheme for higher production and replacement of old coining presses and addition of new coining presses. Besides, a New Mint at NOIDA, U.P. is being set up with a capacity of 2000 million pieces per annum, to be commissioned by 1988.

Covering of more Industries under MODVAT

752. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to cover more industries under MODVAT; and

(b) by what time all the industries are likely to be covered under MODVAT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b)